

Fruit & Vegetable Processing Facilities in Rural Areas;

- (ii) Schemes for assistance to State Government under-takings and state level cooperatives for establishing or enlarging food, fruit and vegetable processing facilities.
- (iii) Development of infrastructure for mushroom cultivation and processing.
- (iv) Development of cold storage facilities at major Airports, Railway Stations and Production Centres.

#### **Extension of Service**

6626. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether no extension of service are to be granted either in Government or public sector companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) number of officers given extension of service during the last two years with reasons therefor;

(d) number of retired persons appointed on contract basis in government and in public sector undertakings during the last three years;

(e) the details of the policy on the subject and the reasons for appointing retired persons on contract basis thereby depleting the chances of the unemployed persons; and

(f) the details of the corrective steps taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c). Extension in service are not normally granted except in rare and exceptional circumstances purely in public interest. The extension is given by individual Departments and the information regarding number of officers given extension during last two years is not centrally available.

(d) to (f). Contract appointments are short term engagements made in public interest for making use of expertise of the appointees or to meet with specific short term contingencies. Bases on their expertise, suitable persons including retired persons can be considered for contract appointments. This policy is being continued to ensure that widest choice is available for such public appointments. The number of retired persons appointed on contract basis during the last three years is not centrally available.

#### **Procedure for foreign Recruitments**

6627. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure for foreign recruitment through the Government in different foreign countries;

(b) the number of foreign recruitments made in each of the last three years, country-wise and category-wise; and

(c) the details of the reservations for the Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes for such recruitment along with the number of S.T. & S.C. persons offered foreign recruitment in such schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Experts are de-